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1. EMBASSY HAS RAISED POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL A WITH GEHRING IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS AND WITH FRG OFFICIALS IN MFA. EMBOFF UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSING SIMILAR VIEWS TO IBRD MANAGEMENT.

2. GEHRING, WHILE RECEPTIVE TO EMB DEMARCHE, INDICATED THAT FRG HAD JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM ITS IBRD DIRECTOR ON LOAN PROPOSALS. AN INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE LOANS IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 2, BUT HE FELT THAT DECISION MAY HAVE TO BE MADE AT HIGHER LEVEL. WE HAVE LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT THE AID MINISTRY IS LEANING TOWARD SUPPORT OF LOANS, ALTHOUGH DECISION THERE IS STILL OPEN.

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3. GEHRING TOLD EMBOFF OF UK DEMARCHE DURING WHICH

UK REP SAID THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO LOANS AND WOULD VOTE AGAINST THEM DURING IBRD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (REFTEL B REPORTS DIFFERENT UK VIEW).

4. EMB COMMENT. WITH REGARD TO COMMENT (PARA 2 OF REF C) ON FAVORABLE DISPOSITION OF FRG MINISTRY TOWARD LDCS, EMBASSY THINKS IT IS IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GENERAL ATTITUDE OF AID MINISTRY ON ONE HAND AND THAT OF ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND FOREIGN OFFICE ON THE OTHER. THE ABOVE COMMENT FAIRLY ACCURATELY REFLECTS ATTITUDE OF FORMER BUT NOT LATTER MINISTRIES. GIVEN AID MINISTRY'S CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY FOR CHILE, BASED IN PART ON IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS, EMBASSY BELIEVES A U.S. APPROACH THERE ON THIS ISSUE WOULD WEAKEN PROSPECTS OF ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND FOREIGN OFFICE TO GAIN AGREEMENT ON A FIRMER LINE. WE ARE, IN ANY EVENT, NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT FRG WILL ACTIVELY OPPOSE LOAN.

5. ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE OFFERED TO INFORM EMBASSY OF FRG THINKING ON PROPOSAL ONCE GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TIME TO CONSIDER QUESTION. END COMMENT.
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